

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 6146

AS PASSED SENATE, FEBRUARY 15, 1994

Brief Description: Diversifying the economy by locating a film and video production facility within the state.

SPONSORS: Senators Skratek, Bluechel, Sheldon, Erwin, M. Rasmussen, Drew, McAuliffe, Roach and Snyder

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRADE, TECHNOLOGY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Skratek, Chairman; Sheldon, Vice Chairman; Bluechel, Cantu, Erwin, M. Rasmussen and Williams.

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Hearing Dates: January 25, 1994; February 1, 1994

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRADE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & HOUSING

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

BACKGROUND:

In 1993 the Legislature created the Department of Community, Trade, and Economic Development. One of the responsibilities of the new department is to focus assistance on targeted sectors of the economy. The department was specifically directed in the 1993 legislation to promote, market, and encourage growth in the production of films, videos, and television commercials in the state.

SUMMARY:

The Department of Community, Trade, and Economic Development is directed to assist in the location of a film and video production studio in the state.

Appropriation: \$30,000

Revenue: none

Fiscal Note: available

TESTIMONY FOR:

This bill will assist in locating a sound stage in Washington and attracting motion picture production. Additional films shot here will result in additional jobs and additional taxes for the state. The competition for the state is intense and this bill will permit the state to be a partner in promoting the industry.

TESTIMONY AGAINST: None

TESTIFIED: PRO: Richard Waltjen, WA Motion Picture Council; Bobby Riggs, IATSE #88; Tony Hazapis, American Federation of Television and Radio Artists, Screen Actors Guild; Christine Lewis, DTED

HOUSE AMENDMENT(S):

The appropriation is removed. A null and void clause is added which nullifies the act if it is not funded in the omnibus appropriations act.